# PROPOSED MILWAUKEE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT CHANGES

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#### Current Plan

- Preferred Provider Organization (Conventional)
  - Self-insured PPO administered by Humana
  - Wide selection of providers
  - 2003 costs approximately \$49.4 million, currently 10,566 members
- Humana Health Maintenance Organization
  - Fully insured HMO
  - Restricted to Humana network of providers
  - 2003 cost \$26 million, currently 8,432 members
- Aurora Direct Exclusive Provider Organization
  - Self-funded EPO, benefits /deductibles similar HMO
  - Restricted to Aurora network
  - 2003 costs approximately \$5.7 million, currently 1,197 members

#### Proposed Plan

- Continue PPO
  - Significantly expand co-pays and co-insurance
  - Increase premiums significantly
- Continue HMO
  - Expand and increase co-payments
  - Moderately increase Family premiums, decrease Single
- Aurora Direct EPO (if offered)
  - Expand and increase co-payments
  - Moderately increase Family premiums, decrease Single
- Implement New Consumer Driven Plan (Coverage First)

### Proposed Plan – Coverage First

- Enhanced employee financial stake with significantly expanded out-of-pocket costs
- Uses same network as Humana PPO
- \$500 benefit allowance per person with higher annual deductibles beyond allowance
- Lower monthly premiums than existing plans

## Monthly Premiums

	Current	<b>Proposed</b>				
Conventional (PPO)						
• Single	\$80	\$130				
<ul> <li>Family</li> </ul>	\$100	\$260				
HMO / EPC	)					
• Single	\$80	\$65				
<ul> <li>Family</li> </ul>	\$100	\$130				
Coverage Fi	rst					
• Single	NA	\$25				
<ul> <li>Family</li> </ul>	NA	\$50				

#### Current Plan Features

- Out-of-pocket expenses
  - Conventional (PPO)

• Annual deductibles: \$150 Single (in network)

\$450 Family (in network)

• Annual limits: \$1,500 Single

\$2,500 Family

- HMO / EPO

• Annual deductibles: \$0

• Limits: Not applicable

#### Proposed Plan Features

- Out-of-pocket expenses
  - Conventional (PPO)
    - Co-payments increased for prescriptions and added for office visits (\$30 primary / \$40 specialist excludes wellness and prevention)
    - Co-insurance applies to nearly all procedures
    - Co-payments excluded from out-of-pocket limits
  - HMO / EPO
    - Co-payments added for office visits (\$25 primary / \$35 specialist), in-patient hospitalization (\$200), emergency room (\$50 if not admitted),
    - Co-payments increased for prescription drugs

#### Proposed Plan Features

- Out-of-pocket expenses (continued)
  - Coverage First
    - \$500 allowance, does not apply to co-pays including prescriptions
    - Annual deductible of \$1,000 Single and \$3,000 Family in network (\$3,000 / \$9,000 out of network), excludes co-pays
    - Most services covered 100% after allowance and deductible and some co-pays, some services covered 80% including lab
    - Out-of-pocket limits excluding deductibles and co-pays \$2,000 Single and \$6,000 Family (in network), (\$6,000 / \$18,000 out of network)

## Projected 2005 County Savings

#### Status Quo

- Total Cost \$118,686,000\*

- County Portion \$112,823,000

- Employee Premium \$5,862,000

#### Plan Design Changes Only

- Total Cost \$99,967,000

- County Portion \$90,524,000

- Employee Premium \$9,443,000

#### Design Changes and Coverage First

- Total Cost \$102,879,000

- County Portion \$96,109,000

- Employee Premium \$6,771,000

#### Total Employee Impacts

Total number employees with health care

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- Represented 3,915

Non-Represented716

Total employee salaries

- \$10,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$89,999
- \$90,000 and higher
102 employees
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#### Non-Rep Impacts

• Proposed plan is initially for "non-rep" employees

• Non-reps salaries

- \$10,000	to	\$49,999	323	employees
- \$50,000	to	\$89,999	327	employees
- \$90,000	and	higher	66	employees

## Impact on Employee A Low-Use Single Coverage Salary \$45,598 (Represented)

• 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$1,167

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

PPO with changes \$1,948
HMO/EPO with changes \$1,025
Coverage First \$459

## Impact on Employee B Low-Use Family Coverage Salary \$57,165 (Non-Rep)

• 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$1,387

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

– PPO with changes \$3,421

– HMO/EPO with changes \$1,760

Coverage First \$740

## Impact on Employee C Mid-Use Single Coverage Salary \$30,113 (Represented)

• 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$1,319

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

– PPO with changes \$2,839

– HMO/EPO with changes \$1,388

Coverage First \$2,303

## Impact on Employee D Mid-Use Family Coverage Salary \$34,109 (Represented)

• 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$2,124

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

– PPO with changes \$5,784

– HMO/EPO with changes \$2,185

Coverage First \$2,840

## Impact on Employee E High-Use Single Coverage Salary \$52,196 (Represented)

 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$2,688

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

– PPO with changes \$6,181

– HMO/EPO with changes \$3,179

Coverage First \$9,515

## Impact on Employee F High-Use Family Coverage Salary \$91,666 (Non-Rep)

• 2003 Out-of-Pocket Expenditures (including premiums) \$3,916

• 2005 Expenditures (including premiums)

– PPO with changes \$8,660

– HMO/EPO with changes \$4,219

- Coverage First \$14,940

#### Conclusions on Proposed Plan

#### Positive Features

- Significant savings
- Enhanced employee financial stake in care choices
- Appropriate focus on increases to family plans, some retirees (via co-pays and deductibles) and those with more expensive coverage

#### Concerns

- Does not address provider discounts
- Limited focus on employee education
- Unintended consequences of steerage to HMO / EPO
- Magnitude of potential impact on employee costs

### Other Cost Reduction Strategies

- Provider Pricing- Discounts with hospitals and physicians
- Behavior changes
  - Volume of service used
  - Price of service used
- Long-term partnerships with other governments, both state and local, and with businesses

### Other Cost Reduction Strategies

- Intensive Management
  - Discounts
  - Utilization
  - Contract management
  - Wellness and disease management
  - Employee education on provider pricing and quality

### Other Cost Reduction Strategies

- Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- Health Savings Account
- Plan parity for post-65 retirees
- Potential for Humana Gold

#### Other Matters for Consideration

- Health insurance in context of other wage and benefits decisions
- Implementation timetable